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1. IN MOZAMBIQUE RADIO INTERVIEW BROADCAST MAY 30 TO RHODESIA AND PUBLISHED MAY 31 IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS, PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) CO-PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE SAID HE HAD INSISTED ON SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH BRITISH AND AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP MAY 29 BECAUSE "OUR POSITION IS THAT GREAT BRITAIN ALONE, AS THE COLONIZING POWER, HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO DECOLONIZE OUR COUNTRY. THE AMERICANS ARE NOT OUR COLONIZERS AND THEY CANNOT PLAY A DIRECT ROLE IN THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS."

2. MUGABE SAID THE PRESENT WESTERN INITIATIVE HAS THE OBJECTIVE
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OF INSTALLING A ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT WHICH "WOULD SING THE SAME SONG AS THE WESTERN POWERS." BUT, MUGABE WARNED, "UNLESS A SOLUTION IS FOUND ACCORDING TO WHICH OUR FORCES REMAIN UNDER OUR CONTROL, THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WILL REJECT ANY OTHER SOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER."

3. MUGABE SAID HE TOLD BRITISH ENVOY JOHN GRAHAM THAT THERE WAS

A WAR IN ZIMBABWE INVOLVING TWO SIDES--ON THE ONE SIDE WERE THE BRITISH REPRESENTED BY THEIR COLONISTS, AND ON THE OTHER SIDE WERE THE FORCES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. MUGABE SAID HE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY THESE TWO SIDES SHOULD BE ENGAGED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS, IF A SOLUTION IS TO BE FOUND."

4. DURING THE INTERVIEW, MUGABE ALSO CLAIMED BATTLEFIELD SUCCESSES, STATING THAT PF FORCES WERE ENCIRCLING THE RHODESIAN CITIES OF SALISBURY, BULAWEO, AND UMTALI AT A DISTANCE OF FROM 20 TO 30 MILES. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN FREED, AND PF FORCES WERE TRANSFORMING THEM INTO "LIBERATED ZONES" UNDER PF ADMINISTRATION.DE PREE

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